

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 8, 2017

Epiphany of the Lord

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1851.

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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,
or by request.

Sacrament of Baptism (4th Sunday of the month outside of Lent)

Parents, please pick up Baptism
package from the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact office six months
prior to desired date.
Marriage Prep offered.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of
any who are housebound or in the
hospital so they may receive the
comfort of the Church's
sacraments and prayer.

Outreach Ministry (A Ministry of Visitation)

Please contact the Parish Office if
you or someone you know would
like a visit by the Outreach Ministry.

Parish Contacts

Parish Pastoral Council

Andrea Visneskie
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Fr. David Lewis
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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or
www.resurrectionist.net

New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!
Please register at the office or pick up
registration package in the church foyer.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

St. Teresa of Avila School

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Christ has no body now
but yours,
No hands, no feet
on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes
through which
he moves compassion
on this world.

Yours are the feet with
which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with
which he blesses all the world.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 9TH

Tuesday, January 10, 7:05 p.m. Intentions of Marion O'Grady; Annie Donkers
Wednesday, January 11, Noon - St. David's High School +Kazimiera Poczatek; Estate
Thursday, January 12, 12:05 pm +Parents of Armand Bertin; Armand & Lucy Bertin
Friday, January 13, 8:45 am +Henry Donkers; Annie Donkers & Family 9:15 am – Noon Adoration
Saturday, January 14, 5:00 pm +Jenny Kulaga; Barb & Paul Grosz +Greg Kelly; The Kelly Family +Stan Klein; Rita Klein & Patsy & Steven Pond
Sunday, January 15, 9:30 am Second Sunday in Ordinary Time +Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 8192

READINGS FOR January 14/15

First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3
Gospel Reading: Jn 1:29-34

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 7:00 pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church
7:00 pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., January 9 Baptism of Our Lord
Tues., January 10 Rev. Arthur Scidmore
Wed., January 11 Consecrated Men and Women
Thurs., January 12 Rev. Gary Schlack
Fri., January 13 Rev. Mervin Perera
Sat., January 14 Rev. Thomas Manninezhath

MINISTRIES for January 14/15

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Peggy Kelly, Steve & Patsy Pond
9:30am Ron Stemmler, Matthew Griffin, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm Greg, Derek, Brent & Zachary Goetz
9:30am Ed Kieswetter, Adrian Miltenburg, Ray Denomme & Frank McGuire

Altar Servers

5pm Phil Milan
9:30am Matthew Deyell, Ailah Kauk, Lana Kauk

Lectors

5pm Pat Kehn
9:30am Paul Shutsa
Jack Soeder

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
Tom Fahey

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Jan 15 Jane Goll

Sign Ministry

Jan 9 Lucier Family

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Jan 18 Colleen Weber

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit and Canned Meats

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over and that the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

We need your **HELP TO TAKE DOWN THE DECORATIONS FROM CHRISTMAS** on **Tuesday, January 10th** from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. If you can help, please show up at the church. You do not need to sign up.

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are hosting a **PARISH BREAKFAST** in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, January 22nd** from 10:30 a.m. to Noon. This is a free will offering event to help offset the cost of the new roof.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Parish Breakfast on both **Saturday, January 21st and Sunday, January 22nd**. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Please check out the sheets and sign up to help.

Beginning in the New Year we will be offering **SESSIONS COVERING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH** for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. These sessions would be especially helpful to those who often attend Mass with their families and would like to receive Communion with them. No commitment is called for to begin. The sessions are offered as an opportunity to explore. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of our new Catechism. If you are interested please speak to Father Dave or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office or from the parish website.

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY in our present location we have calendars for sale. They are \$10 each. They can be purchased after Masses or during Parish Office hours.

LAUDATO SI IS A CALL TO CONVERSION - Come and spend an evening exploring Pope Francis' encyclical on The Environment and Human Ecology with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt and Light Television. "Past popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but Laudato Si is a major piece of work, and an ardent call from one of our world's major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem. ... To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion." (Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB) Join us **Wednesday, January 11, 2017** at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, January 12th** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person.

Kathleen Barsoum, Waster Co-ordinator, Waste Management Division, Region of Waterloo will speak on "Changes in Trash Talk" Open to all ages in the community as changes in waste management are coming very soon to residents of Waterloo Region. For info contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@xplornet.ca.

COMMUNITY CAN DINE is on **Friday, January 13th** at Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur Street North, Elmira from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with chicken casserole. The evening is hosted by the Girl Guides. There is now free children and youth drop-in programs during the event. Pay what you can. For more information please call the Trinity United Church office at 519-669-5560 or Kelly from WCS at 519-669-5139..

KW Right to Life sponsors the **STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR** on **Saturday, January 14, 2017**. Why Abortion Statistics Matter featuring Mike Schouten from WeNeedaLaw.ca and John Sikkema Lawyer at ARPA Canada at the Knights of Columbus Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. It is a Fish and Chip Dinner at 5:00 p.m. for \$10 with the social beginning at 4:30 p.m. The speakers will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a Silent Auction. All proceeds go the Stop Censorship Initiative. Please call 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca to reserve your place or table.

Join us at the **SEMINAR OF HOPE**. This seminar will teach you how to pray for your sons, daughters and loved ones. This is a Free Live Seminar by Vernon Robertson as seen on EWTN. This seminar is being held at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Church, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener on Friday, **January 20th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Bring a Bag Lunch. Love offering will be taken. As parents do you suffer because of the spiritual condition of your children? Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you. A free participant manual will be given at the Seminar. For more information or to register email Pat or Rita at paddy@golden.net or call at 519-748-5548. View Promo Video at www.seminarofhope.org.

Join us on **Friday, January 20th** for the **NEXT LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE**. Priscilla Solomon, C.S.J. will present a lecture entitled "Integration, Transformation and Reconciliation: TRC calls to action and Laudato Si". Using personal stories and experiences, allegory and imagery, Sr. Solomon will reflect on the calls to transformation and reconciliation among our peoples and with our natural world. She will reflect on how her personal integration of Anishinabek and Roman Catholic Spirituality enlightens her path to reconciliation. The lecture is at Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. It is free of charge. There is free parking. It is wheelchair accessible and refreshments are served.

WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP SENIORS LUNCH CLUB - Join us for a hot light lunch and fellowship with old and new friends at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder

Avenue, Elmira on **Monday, January 23, 2017**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Friday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. The cost is \$6. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

COME JOIN US TO FIND THE "KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS" - "Keys" is a **nine week video-based program** meant for anyone (**married or single**) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. starting **January 24th**, at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Avenue, Kitchener. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED DYING – DR. MOIRA MCQUEEN PRESENTATION - Dr. Moira McQueen of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will offer a presentation and Q&A on the need for conscience rights protection for physicians, healthcare workers and Catholic institutions in light of the legalization of assisted dying and euthanasia. Join us at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Sunday, January 29th** at 12 Noon (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) for this presentation in McNally Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

HENRI NOUWEN: LIFE & LEGACY WEEKEND RETREAT at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph from **February 3 – 5, 2017**. Facilitated by Michael W. Higgins, this weekend retreat on Nouwen's aching into holiness seems ideal for searchers keen on understanding his tireless quest for the Beloved. There will be readings from various parts of his texts with a focused reflection on how life and spirituality are one, deeply incarnational, driven, but with an abiding thirst for joy. Cost is \$260 for live-in or \$160 for commuters.

VOCATION SEEDS – "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or check out the website at www.hamiltonvocations.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."	
Offertory collection for December 24/25:	\$11,435.62
Average per envelope:	\$56.53
Offertory collection for Dec. 31/Jan. 1:	\$3,857.00
Average per envelope:	\$34.13
Electronic funds for the week:	\$1,028.75
(based on 4 Sundays per month)	
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00
Thank you!	

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